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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of : Peter ZIEMER
Serial no. :
For : MULTI-STAGE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
Docket : ZAHFRI P784US

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figs. 1-5 of the drawings, presently on file, as indicated in red ink on the Annotated Marked-Up Drawings accompanying the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests approval of all of the requested drawing amendments at this time. **Also please enter the enclosed new Replacement Sheets of drawings, accompanying this Submission, which incorporate all of the requested drawing amendments.**

In the Abstract:

Please enter the following Abstract of the Disclosure, typed on a separate sheet and accompanying this response, into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-23, as well as the Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.